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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 2129

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES
SUBJECT: WOLA INQUIRY ON FATHER SARSANEDAS

REF: STATE 102219

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION BULLETIN PUBLISHED IN MAY 6 PAPERS BY ARCHBISHOP ROMERO, FATHER JORGE SARSANEDAS, A PANAMANIAN PRIEST, WAS CAPTURED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD ON MAY 1 AFTER CONDUCTING MASS IN THE VILLAGE OF TUTULEPEQUE. THE PRIEST IS DESCRIBED AS A YOUNG, RECENTLY-ORDAINED JESUIT NOT LONG IN EL SALVADOR. THE ARCHBISHOP COMPLAINED THAT DESPITE THE PRESIDENT'S ADMISSION THAT THE PRIEST WAS DETAINED, HE WAS BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO.

2. THE PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT, ON BEING INFORMED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE PRIEST'S DETENTION, SHE BEGAN WORKING TO SECURE HIS RELEASE. SHE SAID THAT FATHER SARSANEDAS WAS ARRESTED MAY 1, AND EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY BY THE GOES TODAY, MAY 6. THE PRIEST TOLD HER THAT ASIDE FROM BEING KICKED THE EVENING OF HIS ARREST, EXTENSIVELY INTERROGATED, AND ONLY GIVEN TWO MEALS IN SIX DAYS, HE HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL TREATMENT.

3. COMMENT. THIS IS ONLY THE LATEST INCIDENT IN A SERIES GOING BACK TO THE EARLIER EXPULSIONS OF FOREIGN

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PRIESTS FOSAN SALVADOR PITIL, DEATH OF FATHER GRANDE (SAN SALVADOR 1234), AND CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARCHBISHOP (SAN SALVADOR 1338). THE ARCHBISHOP'S BULLETIN DESCRIBED PARA 1. ABOVE IS THE LATEST (NUMBER 13) IN A SERIES OF DENUNCIATIONS OF ALL VIOLENCE, BE IT FROM FPL TERRORISTS IN THE BORGONOVO CASE OR THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY SERVICES IN THE PLAGUE OF RECENT DISAPPEARANCES AND DETERNTIONS OF THOSE SUSPECTED OF ANTI-GOVERN-

MENT ACTIVITY.
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